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DEPT PLEASE PASS R. BOURDON, MARITIME ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF
INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

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TAGS: EWWT, VE, BR

SUBJECT: MARTIME ATTACHE VISIT

1. CONFIRMING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION OF JANUARY 23 WITH AMBASSADOR
CRIMMINS' SECRETARY, REGIONAL MARITIME ATTACHE, RICHARD KINSELLA,
PLANS VISIT BRASILIA THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, TO SPEAK WITH AMBASSADOR
ON PROPOSED TRANSFER FROM CARACAS TO RIO OF OFFICE OF MARITIME
ATTACHE, WHICH TITLE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION WOULD LIKE RETAINED IN
VIEW OF EXTENSIVE REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND IN ORDER TO FACILITATE

GATHERING DATA FROM VARIOUS LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

2. AMONG REASONS JUSTIFYING TRANSFER, MARITIME ADMINISTRATION OF
OPINION THAT SINCE BRAZIL'S MARITIME ACTIVITIES ARE FAR IN ADVANCE OF
VENEZUELA'S OR ANY OTHER NATIONAL LATIN AMERICA THAT LOGICAL
PLACE FOR REGIONAL OFFICE IS RIO DE JANEIRO, WHERE MAJOR BRAZILIAN
GOVERNMENT SHIPPING ENTITY (SUNAMAM) LOCATED, AS WELL AS WHERE
UNITED STATES AND FOREIGN FLAG SHIPPING COMPANIES PROVIDE SERVICE
AND REPRESENTATION. IN ADDITION, BEING POSTED IN RIO, MARITIME
ATTACHE WILL BE IN A MORE ACTIVE MARITIME ENVIRONMENT AND DO MUCH
TO FOSTER BETTER MARITIME RELATIONS WITH THE MOST IMPORTANT AND
INFLUENTIAL MARITIME NATIONAL IN LATIN AMERICA. FOR EXAMPLE,
HE WILL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO COLLECT VESSEL OPERATION COST

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DATA FROM LLOY BRASILEIRO, WHICH THE COMPANY HAS REFUSED TO

PROVIDE SINCE 1972, TO THE DETRIMENT OF MARAD'S OPERATIONAL-
DIFFERENTIAL SUBSIDY PROGRAM, THE EFFICACY OF WHICH DEPENDS
SUBSTANTIALLY UPON THE COLLECTION OF FOREIGN FLAG COST DATA. THE
MARAD REPRESENTATIVE WILL ALSO BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO MONITOR
BRAZILIAN MARITIME ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS
SHIPBUILDING WHICH REPORTS INDICATE AS SIGNIFICANT AND EXPANDING.
ALSO, THE PROXIMITY OF ARGENTINA TO BRAZIL WILL AFFORD MORE
CONVENIENT AND ECONOMIC CONTACT WITH LATIN AMERICA'S SECOND
LARGEST MARITIME NATION.

3. ITINERARY AS FOLLOWS: THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, DEPART CARACAS
0030, PANAM 515, ARRIVE RIO 0710; DEPART RIO 0915, VARIG 200,
ARRIVE BRASILIA 1050. FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, DEPART BRASILIA 0800,
AEROCONDA 451, ARRIVE RIO 0925; DEPART RIO 1030, PANAM 444,
ARRIVE CARACAS 1520.

4. FOR BRASILIA: REQUEST SINGLE AT HOTEL NACIONAL NIGHT OF
JANUARY 29. PLEASE ADVISE.
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